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GALLEON S.A.,
BACARDI-MARTINI U.S.A., INC., and
BACARDI & COMPANY LIMITED,
Petitioners,

Cancellation No. 92/024,108

-against-

HAVANA CLUB HOLDINGS, S.A. and EMPRESA CUBANA EXPORTADORA DE ALIMENTOS Y PRODUCTOS VARIOS, S.A. D/B/A CUBAEXPORT, Respondents.

RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2011 ORDER

Petitioners submit this response to the Board's December 15, 2011 order. Civil Action No. 1:04-CV-00519 (the "Civil Action") remains pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On August 4, 2008, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia entered an order staying further proceedings in the Civil Action pending appeal of the USPTO's August 3, 2006 order canceling Reg. No. 1,031,651 for the mark HAVANA CLUB (the "Cancellation Order"). Accordingly, there has been no final resolution of the Civil Action, and this proceeding should remain suspended.

An appeal relating to the Cancellation Order was brought before the United States

District Court for the District of Columbia under the name *Empresa Cubana Exportadora de*Alimentos y Productos Varios v. United States Dep't of the Treasury, et al. On March 30, 2009, the District Court issued an order granting Defendants' motions to dismiss or for summary judgment. On March 29, 2011, the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued an opinion and judgment affirming the District Court's judgment. On August 31, 2011, petitions for rehearing

and rehearing *en banc* were denied. On October 27, 2011, the Supreme Court granted an extension of time to file a petition for certiorari, and any petition for certiorari must be filed by January 28, 2012.

Dated:

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2011 ORDER has been served upon registrant's attorney, Herbert Schwartz, Fish & Neave IP Group, Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York NY 10036, the address designated by said attorney for that purpose by depositing a true copy thereof with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail on December 16, 2011

Dated:

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2011 ORDER has been filed electronically with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

New York, New York December 16, 2011

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